

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES - B.S.

College of Education Health and Human Services
School of Foundations, Leadership and Administration
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About This Program

The Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Studies is a complete program designed for those who wish to work in education, health and human services settings or to continue their studies in a related graduate program. The program reflects a consideration for the nature of the setting in which individuals will work (e.g., youth center, social agency, museum, park, business), the particular skills and competencies required in such career (e.g., program planning, technology utilization, interpersonal and multicultural facilitation) and the nature of the particular function which characterizes the option (e.g., program design, instruction, service delivery).

Contact Information

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- Speak with an Advisor
- Chat with an Admissions Counselor

Program Delivery

- **Delivery:**
 - Mostly online
 - In person
- **Location:**
 - Kent Campus

Examples of Possible Careers

Graduates have pursued careers in many education-related fields, including social service agencies, national parks, computer network management, ministry, and museum education. This program can also prepare students for graduate work. Recent graduates have pursued advanced degrees in Higher Education Administration, law, library service, instructional technology, and counseling.

The Professional Studies program can be designed to meet many different career goals. Employers often look for employees who have strength in communications, the ability to work well on teams, who are well-rounded in their education, demonstrate leadership skills, and possess excellent computer skills

Admission Requirements

Students wishing to declare the Professional Studies major must meet with either the program's coordinator or with the academic advisor within the College of Education, Health and Human Services to discuss their future academic and career goals and to develop an approved program of study. Ideally, students should begin the process for evaluation and program review at or near the time they have a minimum of 60 earned credit hours.

International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE score or minimum 100 Duolingo English score, or by completing the ELS level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission visit the admissions website for international students.

Program Requirements

| Code | Title | Credit Hours |
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| Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA) | | |
| PROS 44004 | RESEARCH AND WRITINGS IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (WIC) (min C grade) ¹ | 3 |
| PROS 44005 | EXPLORATION AND APPLICATION OF LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR VARIED PROFESSIONAL SETTINGS | 3 |
| PROS 44092 | PRACTICUM IN PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (ELR) ² | 1-12 |
| Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA) | | |
| UC 10001 | FLASHES 101 | 1 |
| Kent Core Composition | | 6 |
| Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning | | 3 |
| Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each) | | 9 |
| Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines) | | 6 |
| Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory) | | 6-7 |
| Kent Core Additional | | 6 |
| General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours) | | 76 |
| Minimum Total Credit Hours: | | 120 |

¹ Students who have successfully completed a designated writing-intensive course may be waived from PROS 44004 with approval by the Professional Studies program coordinator. A minimum C grade must be earned to fulfill the writing-intensive requirement.

² State/Federal background checks may be required for practicum experiences. Students with prior work, internship, practicum, student teaching and/or field experience may be waived from PROS 44092 with approval by the Professional Studies program coordinator. However, the experiential learning requirement will still need to be met by a course or non-course activity. A maximum of 12 credit hours of PROS 44092 may apply toward graduation requirements.

Graduation Requirements

| Minimum Major GPA | Minimum Overall GPA |
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| 2.000 | 2.000 |

- No dual degree/major may be earned with the Professional Studies major.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

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| Flashes 101 (UC 10001) | 1 credit hour |
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| Course is not required for students with 30+ transfer credits (excluding College Credit Plus) or age 21+ at time of admission. | |
| Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG) | 2 courses |
| Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core. | |
| Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR) | varies |
| Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience. | |
| Kent Core (see table below) | 36-37 credit hours |
| Writing-Intensive Course (WIC) | 1 course |
| Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course. | |
| Upper-Division Requirement | 39 credit hours |
| Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. | |
| Total Credit Hour Requirement | 120 credit hours |

Kent Core Requirements

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| Kent Core Composition (KCOMP) | 6 |
| Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR) | 3 |
| Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each) | 9 |
| Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines) | 6 |
| Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory) | 6-7 |
| Kent Core Additional (KADL) | 6 |
| Total Credit Hours: | 36-37 |

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of education that meets the requirements of the College of Education, Health and Human Services.
2. Apply skills and competencies required in desired career paths.